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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

RE: Petition for Reconsideration of the Coalition of Concerned Utilities filed in the *Matter of Accelerating Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84 and WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Alliant Energy, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiaries Interstate Power and Light Company and Wisconsin Power and Light Company, submits this letter in support of the Petition for Reconsideration of the Coalition of Concerned Utilities, filed on October 15, 2018 and published in the Federal Register on October 25, 2018 ("Petition"). Alliant Energy serves nearly one million electric and over 400,000 gas customers in Iowa and Wisconsin and has previously submitted comments in these dockets with WEC Energy Group, Inc. and Xcel Energy Services Inc. as part of the Midwest Electric Utilities.

Alliant Energy is dedicated to providing its customers with electric and gas services in a safe, reliable, and affordable manner. The Petition identifies various safety and reliability issues with the Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, FCC 18-111, Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment (WC Docket No. 17-84), Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment (WT Docket No. 17-79), August 3, 2018 ("Third Report and Order"). The Petition identifies important concerns regarding worker safety when working in the power space of the pole, the dangerous conditions that could be created or increased by overloading poles without proper engineering analysis, and the issues of pre-existing safety violations that are found on poles.

Alliant Energy is focused on managing costs on behalf of our customers. The Petition identifies issues in the Third Report and Order that could negatively impact electric ratepayers. These issues include the newly-established rates for incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILEC"), the requirement for utilities to perform their own engineering studies for overloading, the costs to prepare detailed make-ready estimates, and the cost implications for rules related to pre-existing

violations. These cost pressures could burden the electric ratepayer, rather than the communications company that is the cost causer.

Alliant Energy supports the Petition and urges the Commission to act in a manner consistent with the views expressed therein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lissa Koop".

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